

Eastern Arizona Incident Management Team

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Seeley Fire Update

Fire Facts

Date started: Tuesday, 6/26/2012 5:30 a.m.	Number of personnel: 210, including 4 20-person
	hand crews
Location: 15 miles NW of Huntington, Utah	Equipment: 19 engines
Cause: Dry Lightning	Aircraft: 2 helicopters
Size: 15,790 acres (previous estimate not verified)	
Percent contained: 0%	Estimated containment date: none
Injuries to date: none	Cost to date: \$300,000
Property threatened: Historical USFS Guard Station outlying communities have been protected	

Fire Activity: Incident Commander John Philbin's Eastern Arizona Incident Management Team has taken over command of this fire, effective 0600 this morning. Additional national resources have arrived with the Team, and more have been ordered. Extreme drought conditions, bark-beetle-killed trees, strong gusty and unpredictable winds are still driving the fire.

Significant Events: Full suppression strategy continues on all fronts of this fire, and structure protection measures continue to hold. Crews secured utility lines, gas lines and coal mining infrastructure within the fire perimeter.

Closures/Evacuations/Advisories: SR31 from Crandall Canyon Mine intersection to Miller's Flat Junction is still closed, but SR31 is now open from Miller's Flat Junction to Fairview. The road from Miller's Flat to Joe's Valley is now open as well. SR96 and SR264 from SR6 over to SR31 and Mohrland Road to Gentry are still closed. Consumer's Road is closed at the railroad crossing. The road to Wattis is closed. Tucker and Starvation Roads off SR6 are closed. Also various Forest Roads within the fire area are still closed.

General Information: The Incident Command Post is located the Canyon View Junior High School in Huntington, Utah. The fire is currently burning on lands administered by the Manti-LaSal National Forest Ferron-Price Ranger District, Bureau of Land Management Price District, State of Utah, and some private lands.

This is fire season in the Great Basin. Please continue working on the defensible space around your homes. For information go to www.firewise.org and www.ready.gov. A Red Cross shelter has been opened at the LDS Stake Center in Wellington, Utah for food, shelter and mental health care needs of the evacuees. Contact 801-323-7000 for information on volunteering or for donations.